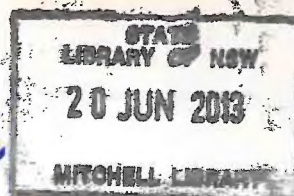


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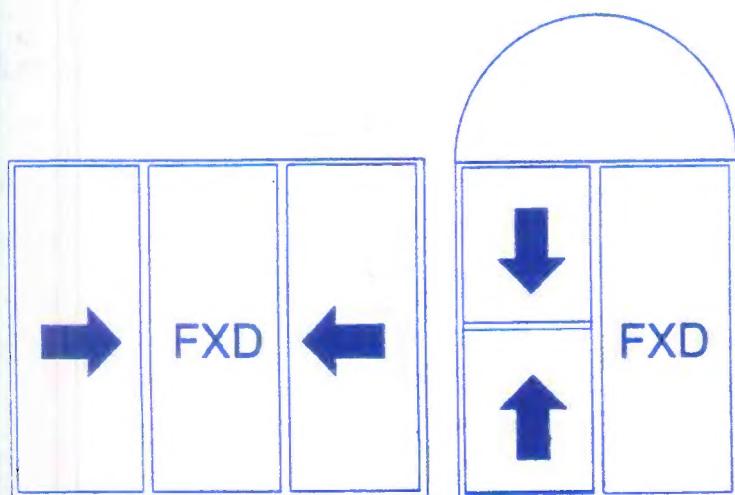
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Club or country debate looms;

JUST ABOUT now the latest version of the club v country row is set to become important in topical agendas up and down the country, forced into an earlier than normal timespan because of the interruption to the Ericsson Cup forced about by the Four Nation Tournament.

It is a question which is about as old as the game itself and because of that it surely has no clear-cut answers.

Australia, at least as far as the national team goes, is lucky.

It can have its players uninterrupted for weeks on end before important games.

I can remember laughing when I heard a TV commentator say how lucky England were, that they got their international players at the drop of a hat.

Well, today's VIP guest, Terry Venables, will know just how untrue that is and, in fact, it is only in recent years that the weekend matches before World Cup fixtures have been postponed in Britain.

People will be arguing whether the timing of this tournament is appropriate, they will be arguing whether anything at all will be achieved with so many overseas players missing – they will be arguing about everything and anything.

They will also argue that the clubs foot the players wages bill and it is them who should be given priority, they will argue that a two week shut-down in the middle of the top competition is crazy, they too will argue about anything and everything.

On the other hand there will be those who can point to facts like Australia needs to do well at international level to gain better exposure, that Australia MUST qualify for the World Cup finals, that anything done along the way is a small price to pay.

So you've been warned, and if it hasn't started already then when you get the first whiff of it remember that you have to make a phone call, have to pop to the shops, have to get a drink in – now there IS a novel excuse.

In fact, say anything because this argument is unwinnable.

It is like the grand final v league title one, or religion, or women, or politics.

For every convincing point you have the opposition will have an equally countermanning point, that is a certainty.

The truth?

Well, it's probably a mixture of everything.

But the point I like comes from Rugby Union, a game in which the profits from international matches are channelled down to the game at all levels, even down to junior Union.

That makes it profitable for clubs to make shifts in their fixture lists – because they pick up extra revenue.

And that is an amateur game, or at least it was.

I suppose the really successful people make sure that arguments against their decisions don't have any substance; it's amazing what money does.

Bruce Campbell

UNITED ... UNITED ... UNITED ... UNITED ... UNITED ... UNITED ...

Grudge match to decide table lead



by
Bruce Campbell

HOW DO have eight scoring opportunities, hit the back of the net twice, have the majority of possession – and still lose a game 3-0?

Brisbane are a good team, there is no doubt about that.

They also have a good coach, again no argument.

But three goals and there there is argument aplenty.

Judging by last week's score-line in Brisbane the Strikers cruised it against the league leaders.

That they didn't is obvious to everybody who was at that game, except the most fervent and one-eyed Queenslander.

Today Sydney United get a chance to prove that the result was a one-off, one of those things which happen in football and to all good teams from time to time.

"They were a bit hungrier than us," says Pumas coach Branko Culina, "but look, if we are going to win anything at all then we have to beat the teams like Brisbane.

"It is no good going twelve games without defeat and then coming unstuck when it matters most."

Already everyone is talking about a United v Strikers Grand Final and while that subject is about eighteen weeks too premature they have



emerged as the two best teams in the country.

Maybe the fact that they were 'snubbed' in terms of Socceroo selection got Brisbane going, maybe it was just their night.

Certainly when Frank Farina stumbled and the ball still went in the goal, it looked as if they could do no wrong.

"That was my fault," says United keeper Zeljko Kalac.

"I thought he was going to get a touch on it but in the end it caught me flatfooted.

"Yes, that was definitely my mistake."

And the quiet talk amongst the players afterwards was exactly HOW did Brisbane get three.

Maybe talk of a grudge match is an exaggeration but now two teams have a lot to prove.

The venue of Parramatta Stadium gives soccer a great show-case to end the first stage of the Ericsson Cup, the question is 'which team will be on top?'

When ever I am asked for a prediction the words of my old friend Johnny Warren always ring loud in my ear: "Only fools predict football games."

What I will predict, though, is that it will be a repeat of last week – the best game I have seen this season when the only tragedies were that the game had to finish at all and one had to be the loser.

Great football was the winner.

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PAUL BILOKAPIC is the player being groomed to add that missing ingredient into the Sydney United side; the kind of steel that all championship sides have.

And with the transfer of Tony Popovic his emergence becomes even more important.

Over the last couple of seasons Branko Culina's lament has been that he hasn't had two Popovics – one at the back adding the poise and one in the middle adding the steel.

It is the absence in that 'enforcer's' role which allows United at times to drift out of games.

But for his part Paul Bilokapic has plenty of confidence, and certainly shows touches of the form which could well see him fill that role.

After the match against Brisbane he wasn't fazed by the scoreline – just, like everyone else in the touring party, stunned.

"I don't know how that happened," he said in the team's city centre hotel after-match.

"They aren't a better team than us – no way.

"Maybe we didn't play that well, but they aren't a better side than us.

"I still think that we are good enough to win the championship."

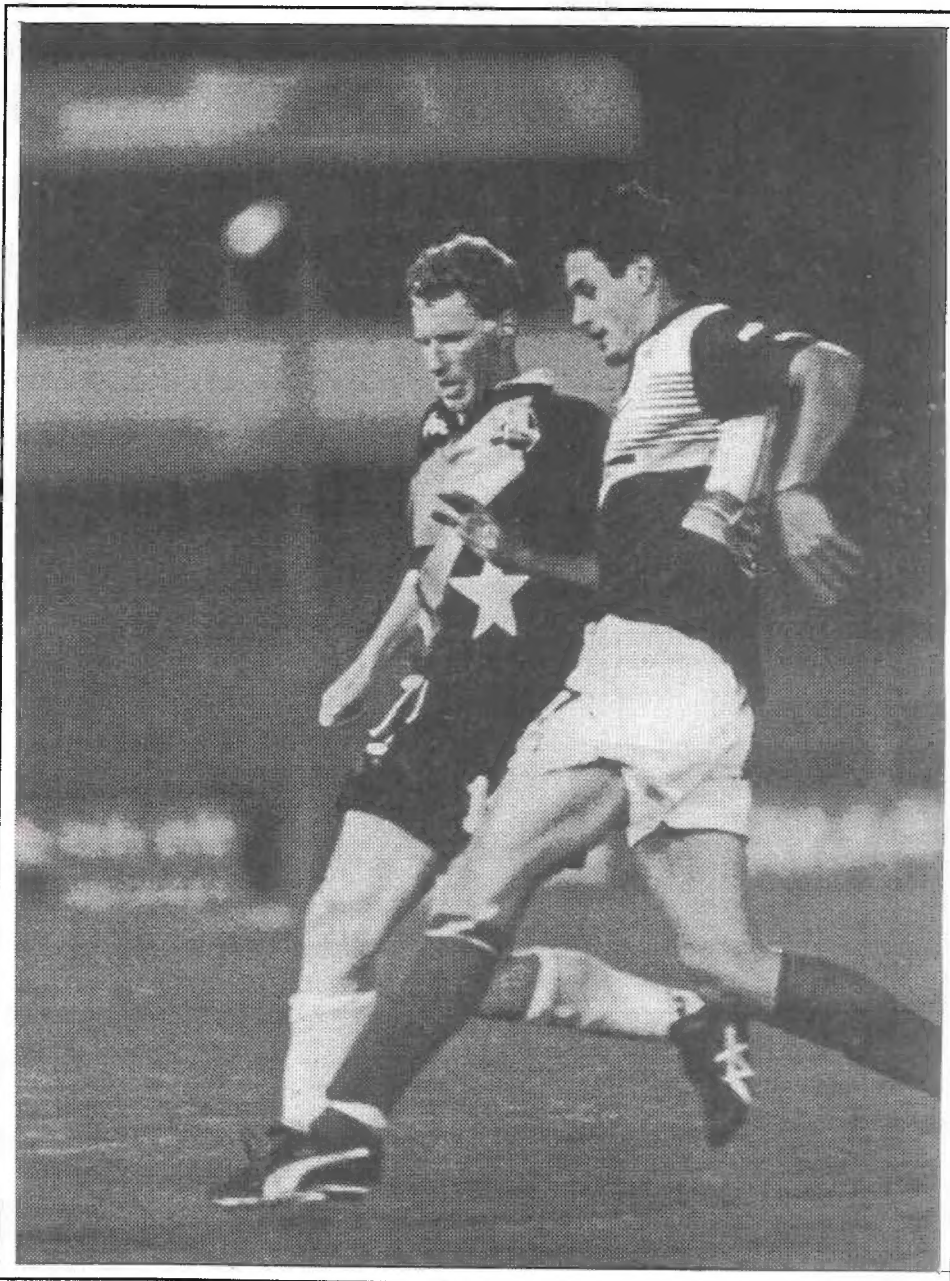
And when I asked him what he would do in the return leg that was different he had a quick answer.

"Nothing at all," he said.

"The players have spoken about what went wrong but I honestly don't think we have that much to turn around."

And who could argue; an early goal from a careless bit of play which normally would only result in a bollocking from the sidelines, a second goal which was an accident and a final goal

Billy the 'Enforcer'



in the dying seconds with United caught out going forward in chase of a goal of their own.

That isn't to say that Paul Bilokapic, the man the players call 'Billy', is

likely to take this important match at Parramatta Stadium for granted – far from it.

The junior Australian international knows his place in the team

depends on how well he fills his role and if he is to be a true enforcer then there is no better time to start than tonight against the Strikers.

Bruce Campbell

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DON'T TELL 'OZ' TEL

by Bruce Campbell

HE'S THE man who has had his private life dragged every which way; he's been the subject of every tabloid paper in Britain for the last five years or so – so don't tell Terry Venables, the man they now call 'Oz Tel' that life isn't meant to be easy.

The Aussie expression won't wash with the man chosen to ensure Australia takes its place amongst the finalists at World Cup France '98.

Already he has shown that he is more than a match for Australia's tabloid imitations, charming journalists and photographers alike in his short time here so far.

Now Venables is in Sydney, looking to continue his lightning dash around the nation, putting the microscope over as many players as he can before he starts to get down to the real business of his first international series.

"I know a lot about the players already," he says after going goggle-eyed watching countless videos. But this month is really important for me, I want to thoroughly assess the players currently playing in Australia. I want to give them the chance to be part of our World Cup plans.

"They have to put pressure on the players playing in Europe – no-

one will have an automatic spot."

And with visiting Brisbane coach Frank Farina already pointing out that some of the players included in the squad for the Four Nation series are out of form no doubt there will be a few players able to push their noses into selection contention for the next round of games.

That is when the real business will start, and hopefully for Sydney United fans their stars will be in the reckoning.

And for the record this is Tel's second 'official' trip to Australia. He was here before in 1965 when his then Chelsea side were held to surprise 1-1 and

2-2 draws by Australia before providing the nucleus of the 1970 side which won the FA Cup.

Now Venables is hoping to be the third of that side of the early 1960s, known as the 'Chelsea Chicks' to have a profound influence on Australian soccer.

The other two were Davie Cliss, who had such a brilliant playing record at St George, and Tommy Docherty, Venables' club manager back in 1965 who later also coached Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne.

United fans join the rest of Australian soccer in hoping that he succeeds, even if it *isn't* supposed to be easy.



FLASHBACK 1965; now the former Chelsea Chick wants to steer Australia to the World Cup finals



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'IF IT benefits the club then I am happy to give up home ground advantage," says United coach Branko Culina.

That is a typical answer in a week in which he and the United board have been besieged by questions about the decision to move the Brisbane fixture away from Edensor Road and to Parramatta Stadium.

President Ivan Simic agrees.

"We have to look at the bigger picture," he says.

"No-one at United took this decision lightly but we thought it appropriate that the club take the opportunity to look at staging bigger games at Parramatta Stadium."

And backed by a major advertising campaign United are setting new ground (pardon the pun) in looking to the future.

"I've got other problems on my mind as well," adds Culina (pictured right).

"Tony Popovic is under doubt with a flare up of his achilles tendonitis.

"Already he has had to pull out of the national squad which has resulted in a deserved call-up for Robert Trajkovski.

"I also have to turn around a three game run without a win.

"Add that to the talk about the switch of venues and it certainly has been some week."

But it is that kind of spotlight which the United boss has become used to as he has cemented his club's place as the most exciting footballing side in the country.

The match against Brisbane also marks the official farewell of club skipper Tony Popovic, a player who will go down in the record books as one of the best players ever at the club - despite his youth.

Since making his debut in the first season of summer soccer as a raw sixteen year-old Popovic has gone on to record nearly 150 games for the club he joined in junior football.

And still not 24, he has also made his name in the national team with his performance against Scotland at Hampden Park last March being undoubtedly his best to date.

Giving up the 'advantage' for the big picture



Now on the verge of new things in the J League, the United fans have the opportunity to farewell their former skipper in style.

Culina also has that opportunity and would like nothing more than

three points to do it in *real* style.

He also knows that if that happens all the talk will be about how right the club was to switch its venue.

Hot Shots

ERICSSON CUP THE TOP MARKSMEN

12 David ZDRILIC (Sydney United)



- 9 Bobby DESPOTOVSKI (Perth Glory)
- 7 Ante MILICIC (Sydney United)
- Frank FARINA (Brisbane Strikers)
- Norman TOME (UTS Olympic)
- 6 Rod BROWN (Brisbane Strikers)
- Paul STRUDWICK (Perth Glory)
- Vasili KALOGERACOS (Perth Glory)
- 5 Jason BENNETT (Newcastle Breakers)
- Matt HORSLEY (Wollongong City)
- Nick JOSESKI (Wollongong City)
- Eddie KRNCEVIC (Gippsland Falcons)
- Kris TRAJANOVSKI (UTS Olympic)
- Jim TSEKINIS (West Adelaide)
- 4 Sean BABIC (Marconi)
- Mark BATTISTIN (Brisbane Strikers)
- Norman KELLY (Canberra Cosmos)

On the Card

ERICSSON CUP ROUND 14

Friday

Newcastle Breakers v Adelaide City

Saturday

Canberra Cosmos v Melbourne Knights

Gippsland Falcons v Wollongong City

Sunday

Perth Glory v Marconi Fairfield

Collingwood Warriors v South Melbourne

Sydney United v Brisbane Strikers

West Adelaide v UTS Olympic

1996/97

PUMA STATISTICS

Best League (United) Crowd:

13,121 v Brisbane Strikers (Away - Round 13)

11,381 v UTS Olympic (Home - Round 5)

8,952 v Marconi Fairfield (Away - Round 4)

Best League (United) Home Crowd:

11,381 v UTS Olympic (Home - Round 5)

5,451 v Collingwood Warriors (Home - Round 9)

4,085 v Wollongong Wolves (Home - Round 1)

Total League Home Crowds:

33,206 (6 games)

Average League Home Crowd:

5,534

All Club Top League Crowd:

14,757 Perth Glory v Melbourne Knights (R12)

Player Appearances:

- 13 Babic, Mark
- 13 Bilokapic, Paul
- 01 Burns, Jacob
- 03 Culina, Jason
- 12 Cvetko, Damir
- 11 Enes, Robert
- 03 Genc, Aytek
- 03 Gibson, Chad
- 13 Kalac, Zeljko
- 11 Kupresak, Velimir
- 05 Markovac, Robbie
- 13 Marusic, Kresimir
- 13 Milicic, Ante
- 13 Moric, Ante
- 02 Plesa, Richard
- 07 Popovic, Tony
- 08 Rudan, Marko
- 12 Trajkovski, Robert
- 02 Vrkic, Joe
- 13 Zdrilic, David



Total: 20 players

Goals Scored:

- 12 Zdrilic, David
- 07 Milicic, Ante
- 02 Babic, Mark
- 02 Cvetko, Damir
- 02 Marusic, Kresimir
- 02 Moric, Ante
- 02 Popovic, Tony (1 pen)
- 02 Rudan, Marko
- 02 Velimir Kupresak
- 01 Enes, Robbie
- 01 own goal

TOTAL: 35 goals

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Ericsson Cup

ROUND 11

Friday 20 December

Newcastle Breakers 3

Pryce 68

Zane 70

Bennett 74

Att: 3,832

Venue: Breakers Stadium

Sydney United 1

Milicic 54

Referee: M Breeze

Wollongong City 2

Perinich 50

Horsley 81

Att: 3,467

Venue: Brandon Park

Canberra Cosmos 1

Lemezina 81

Referee: B Hugo

Saturday 21 December

Brisbane Strikers 5

Farina 6, 49

Battistin 24

Slater 79

Wehrman 83

Att: 4,195

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Collingwood 2

Vlahos 19, 36

Referee: S Micallef

South Melbourne 1

Coveny 63

Att: 7,896

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium

Perth Glory 0

Referee: E Brazzale

Marconi Fairfield 5

S Babic 11, 74

Awaritefe 32

Harper 65

Maloney 90

UTS Olympic 1

Tome 60

Sunday 22 December

Adelaide City 4

Musitano 46, 53

Brooks 51, 69

Att: 3,789

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Gippsland Falcons 1

Foy 12

Referee: W Dade

Melbourne Knights 4

Kutlesovski 7, 89

Simunic 44 pen

T Pondeljak 77

Att: 3,970

Venue: Knights Park

West Adelaide 0

Referee: M Shield

ROUND 12

Saturday 28 December

Canberra Cosmos 1

Dee 20

Att: 2,327

Venue: Bruce Stadium

South Melbourne 0

Referee: S Micallef

Gippsland Falcons 1

Giminez 68

Att: 2,581

Venue: Falcons Park

Brisbane Strikers 0

Referee: M Breeze

Perth Glory 3

McVittie 34

Kalogeracos 40

Miller 90

Att: 14,757

Venue: Perth Oval

Melbourne Knights 2

A Cervinski 53, 60

Referee: A Gorton

ERICSSON CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney United	13	9	2	2	35	19	29
Brisbane Strikers	13	9	2	2	30	14	29
Perth Glory	13	7	1	5	30	22	22
South Melbourne	13	6	3	4	18	11	21
Wollongong City	13	5	6	2	21	16	21
Adelaide City	13	5	5	3	16	11	20
Marconi Fairfield	13	5	2	6	20	20	17
West Adelaide	13	5	1	7	18	25	16
UTS Olympic	13	4	4	5	18	24	16
Melbourne Knights	13	3	4	6	14	16	13
Newcastle Breakers	14	2	7	5	22	26	13
Gippsland Falcons	13	3	4	6	14	23	13
Collingwood Warriors	13	2	6	5	13	26	11
Canberra Cosmos	14	1	5	8	13	29	8

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE (N)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Newcastle Breakers	10	7	0	3	24	11	21
NSWIS	11	7	0	4	21	19	21
Sydney United	10	6	2	02	21	9	20
UTS Olympic	11	6	2	3	24	15	20
Marconi Fairfield	9	6	0	3	9	8	18
AIS	8	5	2	1	17	5	17
Wollongong City	11	4	4	3	23	18	16
Queensland Academy	11	4	0	7	24	21	12
Marconi Colts	11	3	1	7	13	26	10
Sydney United Colts	10	3	0	7	9	17	9
ACT Academy	10	2	1	7	7	22	7
UTS Olympic Colts	10	2	0	8	8	29	6

Sunday 29 December

Collingwood Warriors 1

Cerrachio 30

Att: 2,987

Venue: Victoria Park

Wollongong City 1

Joseski 8

Referee: G Connolly

UTS Olympic 2

Barrett 60

Trajanovski 63

Att: 5,128

Venue: Belmore Sports Ground

Newcastle Brkrs 2

own goal 60

Ironside 84

Referee: C Diomis

Sydney United 1

own goal 74

Att: 5,195

Venue: Sydney United Sports Centre

Adelaide City 1

Hassell 41

Referee: E Brazzale

West Adelaide 2

Thorp 42

Perin 82

Att: 4,079

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Marconi Fairfield 1

Maloney 67

Referee: E Lennie

ROUND 13

Friday 3 January

Wollongong City 5

Ceccoli 3

Lloyd 11

Joseski 38, 58

Dimoski 84

Gippsland Falcons 2

Krnecvic 1

Foy 59

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8. Ante Moric
- ✓ 9. Robbie Markovac
- ✓ 10. Ante Milicic *99*
- ✓ 11. Damir Cvetko
- ✓ 12. Aytec Genc *G*
- ✓ 14. David Zdrilic *G*
15. Jason Culina
- ✓ 17. Paul Bilokapic
18. Richard Plesa
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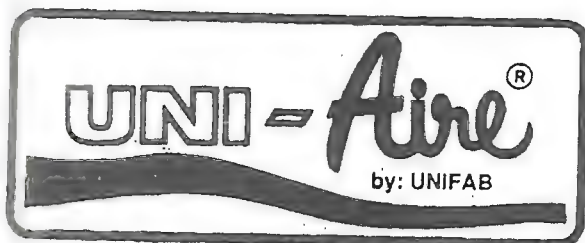
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CHECK THE number on his shorts or shirt – you have to because the player who is a commentator's nightmare is *always* changing his appearance.

So far it has been the hair, and the talented youngster has been right through the style book.

The favourite on the terraces was Chad Gibson's 'red cap' look, although his Gazza imitation went down well also.

Now it's his **boots**.

"No, I haven't been paid to wear the red boots," the number 23 laughs.

"Puma sent them up and I like wearing them.

"They're cool."

Last week up at Suncorp he really looked the part when he came on as a second half sub, along with Robbie Markovac and Jason Culina.

In fact, the three subs were the best United players on the park.

And there doesn't seem to be any chance at all that the showman will be joining his brother in Adelaide – despite early season rumours to the contrary.

"No, I like it at United," he says.

"My brother John is a bit homesick as well but he likes the way Adelaide City play football.

"But I don't think I'll join him."

Now the Sydney United fans are taking bets on just how long it is before Chad Gibson matches his new red Puma boots *and* his red hair.

The man Puma turned red



Krstovic bags the goals

FORMER Socceroo Tony Krstovic has marked his return to football at Sydney United with a burst of goals. "Since he has started to play in our Colts team he hasn't been on a losing side and last week he bagged three against the ACT Academy.

Now an enquiry has come in from the Newcastle Breakers who want to take the in-form striker on loan, a possibility which would see him escalate his match fitness as he races to achieve his next goal – a return to the United first team.

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Att: 5,462
Venue: Brandon Park

Referee: G Leverton

Saturday 4 January

Brisbane Strikers 3

Sydney United 0

Wright 5

Farina 32

Battistin 89

Att: 13,121

Venue: Suncorp Stadium

Referee: G Connolly

Marconi Fairfield 1

Harper 43

Att: 5,419

Venue: Marconi Stadium

Perth Glory 2

Kalogeracos 9, 66

Referee: S Micallef

Sunday 5 January

Melbourne Knights 1

A Cervinski 44

Att: 2,980

Venue: Knights Park

Canberra Cosmos 1

Perinovich 77

Referee: E Lennie

South Melbourne 4

Spink 28, 76

Trimboli 55

Allsopp 85

Att: 12,652

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium

Collingwood 0

Referee: M Shield

UTS Olympic 1

Tome 33

West Adelaide 4

Thorp 20

Castro 34

Hooker 50 pen

Tsekinis 52

Referee: M Breeze

Att: 5,249

Venue: Belmore Sports Ground

Adelaide City 2

Gibson 21

Brooks 52

Att: 3,365

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Newcastle Brkrs 2

McGuire 37

Halpin 61

Referee: W Dade

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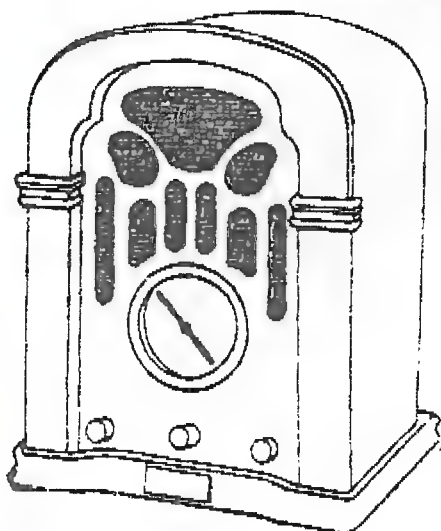
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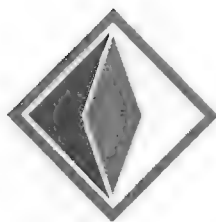
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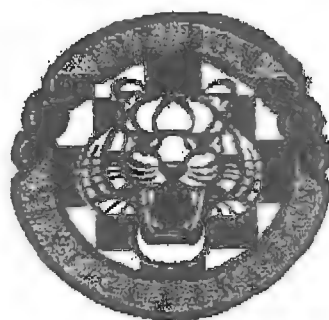
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Adelaide City 0	Brisbane Strikers 0
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Collingwood Warriors 3	Melbourne Knights 0
Gippsland Falcons 0	South Melbourne 0
Sydney United 3	Wollongong City 3
Newcastle Breakers 6	West Adelaide 1

ROUND 2 (week-ending 20th October)

Brisbane Strikers 6	Newcastle Breakers 1
UTS Olympic 1	Canberra Cosmos 0
Marconi Fairfield 1	Collingwood Warriors 1
Melbourne Knights 1	Gippsland Falcons 0
South Melbourne 1	Sydney United 3
Wollongong City 1	Adelaide City 0
West Adelaide 3	Perth Glory 1

ROUND 3 (week-ending 27th October)

Brisbane Strikers 2	Wollongong City 1
Newcastle Breakers 1	Perth Glory 3
Canberra Cosmos 1	West Adelaide 3
Collingwood Warriors v	UTS Olympic PP
Gippsland 2	Marconi Fairfield 2
Sydney United 3	Melbourne Knights 1 (6.11.96)
Adelaide City 2	South Melbourne 1 (13.11.96)

ROUND 4 (week-ending 3rd November)

Wollongong City 0	Newcastle Breakers 0
South Melbourne 1	Brisbane Strikers 2
Melbourne Knights 0	Adelaide City 0
Marconi Fairfield 0	Sydney United 3
UTS Olympic 3	Gippsland Falcons 0
West Adelaide 1	Collingwood Warriors 2
Perth Glory 6	Canberra Cosmos 0

ROUND 5 (week-ending 10th November)

Wollongong City 1	South Melbourne 1
Brisbane Strikers 2	Melbourne Knights 1
Adelaide City 0	Marconi Fairfield 1
Sydney United 2	UTS Olympic 1
Gippsland 1	West Adelaide 2
Collingwood Warriors 0	Perth Glory 0
Newcastle Breakers 2	Canberra Cosmos 2

ROUND 6 (week-ending 17th November)

South Melbourne 1	Newcastle Breakers 0
Melbourne Knights 0	Wollongong City 0
Marconi Fairfield 0	Brisbane Strikers 1
UTS Olympic 1	Adelaide City 1
West Adelaide 2	Sydney United 3
Perth Glory 2	Gippsland Falcons 3
Canberra Cosmos 2	Collingwood Warriors 2

ROUND 7 (week-ending 24th November)

South Melbourne 1	Melbourne Knights 1
Wollongong City 3	Marconi Fairfield 2
Brisbane Strikers 4	UTS Olympic 1
Adelaide City 1	West Adelaide 0
Sydney United 4	Perth Glory 2
Gippsland 0	Canberra Cosmos 0
Newcastle Breakers 1	Collingwood Warriors 1

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ROUND 8 (week-ending 1st December)

Melbourne Knights 2	Newcastle Breakers 0
Marconi Fairfield 0	South Melbourne 1
UTS Olympic 1	Wollongong City 1
West Adelaide 0	Brisbane Strikers 0
Perth Glory 2	Adelaide City 1
Canberra Cosmos 1	Sydney United 3
Collingwood Warriors 0	Gippsland Falcons 1

ROUND 9 (week-ending 8th December)

Adelaide City 1	Canberra Cosmos 0
Brisbane Strikers 1	Perth Glory 5
Wollongong City 2	West Adelaide 0
South Melbourne 4	UTS Olympic 1
Melbourne Knights 1	Marconi Fairfield 2
Sydney United 7	Collingwood Warriors 0
Newcastle Breakers 2	Gippsland Falcons 2

ROUND 10 (week-ending 15th December)

Marconi-Fairfield 2	Newcastle Breakers 1
UTS Olympic 1	Melbourne Knights 0
West Adelaide 0	South Melbourne 2
Perth Glory 3	Wollongong City 1
Canberra Cosmos 1	Brisbane Strikers 4
Collingwood Warriors 1	Adelaide City 3
Gippsland Falcons 1	Sydney United 2

ROUND 11 (week-ending 22nd December)

Marconi-Fairfield 5	UTS Olympic 1
Melbourne Knights 4	West Adelaide 0
South Melbourne 1	Perth Glory 0
Wollongong City 2	Canberra Cosmos 1
Brisbane Strikers 5	Collingwood Warriors 2
Adelaide City 4	Gippsland Falcons 1
Newcastle Breakers 3	Sydney United 1

ROUND 12 (week-ending 29th December)

West Adelaide 2	Marconi-Fairfield 1
UTS Olympic 2	Newcastle Breakers 2
Perth Glory 3	Melbourne Knights 2
Canberra Cosmos 1	South Melbourne 0
Collingwood Warriors 1	Wollongong City 1
Gippsland Falcons 1	Brisbane Strikers 0
Sydney United 1	Adelaide City 1

ROUND 13 (week-ending 5th January)

Adelaide City 2	Newcastle Breakers 2
Brisbane Strikers 3	Sydney United 0
Wollongong City 5	Gippsland Falcons 2
South Melbourne 4	Collingwood Warriors 0
Melbourne Knights 1	Canberra Cosmos 1
Marconi Fairfield 1	Perth Glory 2
UTS Olympic 1	West Adelaide 4

ROUND 14 (week-ending 12th January)

Newcastle Breakers v Adelaide City
Sydney United v Brisbane Strikers
Gippsland Falcons v Wollongong City
Collingwood Warriors v South Melbourne
Canberra Cosmos v Melbourne Knights
Perth Glory v Marconi Fairfield
West Adelaide v UTS Olympic

ROUND 15 (week-ending 2nd February)

Brisbane Strikers v Adelaide City
Wollongong City v Sydney United
South Melbourne v Gippsland Falcons
Melbourne Knights v Collingwood Warriors
Marconi Fairfield v Canberra Cosmos
UTS Olympic v Perth Glory
West Adelaide v Newcastle Breakers

ROUND 16 (week-ending 9th February)

Adelaide City v Wollongong City
Sydney United v South Melbourne
Morwell Falcons v Melbourne Knights
Collingwood Warriors v Marconi Fairfield
Canberra Cosmos v UTS Olympic
Perth Glory v West Adelaide
Newcastle Breakers v Brisbane Strikers

ROUND 17 (week-ending 16th February)

South Melbourne v Adelaide City
Wollongong City v Brisbane Strikers
Marconi Fairfield v Morwell Falcons
Melbourne Knights v Sydney United
UTS Olympic v Collingwood Warriors
West Adelaide v Canberra Cosmos
Perth Glory v Newcastle Breakers

ROUND 18 (week-ending 23rd February)

Adelaide City v Melbourne Knights
Brisbane Strikers v South Melbourne
Canberra Cosmos v Perth Glory
Collingwood Warriors v West Adelaide
Morwell Falcons v UTS Olympic
Sydney United v Marconi Fairfield
Newcastle Breakers v Wollongong City

ROUND 19 (week-ending 2nd March)

Marconi Fairfield v Adelaide City
Melbourne Knights v Brisbane Strikers
South Melbourne v Wollongong City
Canberra Cosmos 1 Newcastle Breakers 1 1/11/96
Perth Glory v Collingwood Warriors
West Adelaide v Morwell Falcons
UTS Olympic v Sydney United

ROUND 20 (week-ending 9th March)

Adelaide City v UTS Olympic
Brisbane Strikers v Marconi Fairfield
Wollongong City v Melbourne Knights
Collingwood Warriors v Canberra Cosmos
Morwell Falcons v Perth Glory
Sydney United v West Adelaide
Newcastle Breakers v South Melbourne

ROUND 21 (week-ending 16th March)

Melbourne Knights v South Melbourne
Marconi Fairfield v Wollongong City
UTS Olympic v Brisbane Strikers
West Adelaide v Adelaide City
Perth Glory v Sydney United
Canberra Cosmos v Morwell Falcons
Collingwood Warriors v Newcastle Breakers

ROUND 22 (week-ending 23rd March)

Adelaide City v Perth Glory
Brisbane Strikers v West Adelaide
Wollongong City v UTS Olympic
South Melbourne v Marconi Fairfield
Morwell Falcons v Collingwood Warriors
Sydney United v Canberra Cosmos
Newcastle Breakers v Melbourne Knights

ROUND 23 (week-ending 30th March)

Marconi Fairfield v Melbourne Knights
UTS Olympic v South Melbourne
West Adelaide v Wollongong City
Perth Glory v Brisbane Strikers
Canberra Cosmos v Adelaide City
Collingwood Warriors v Sydney United
Morwell Falcons v Newcastle Breakers

ROUND 24 (week-ending 6th April)

Melbourne Knights v UTS Olympic
South Melbourne v West Adelaide
Wollongong City v Perth Glory
Brisbane Strikers v Canberra Cosmos
Adelaide City v Collingwood Warriors
Sydney United v Morwell Falcons
Newcastle Breakers v Marconi Fairfield

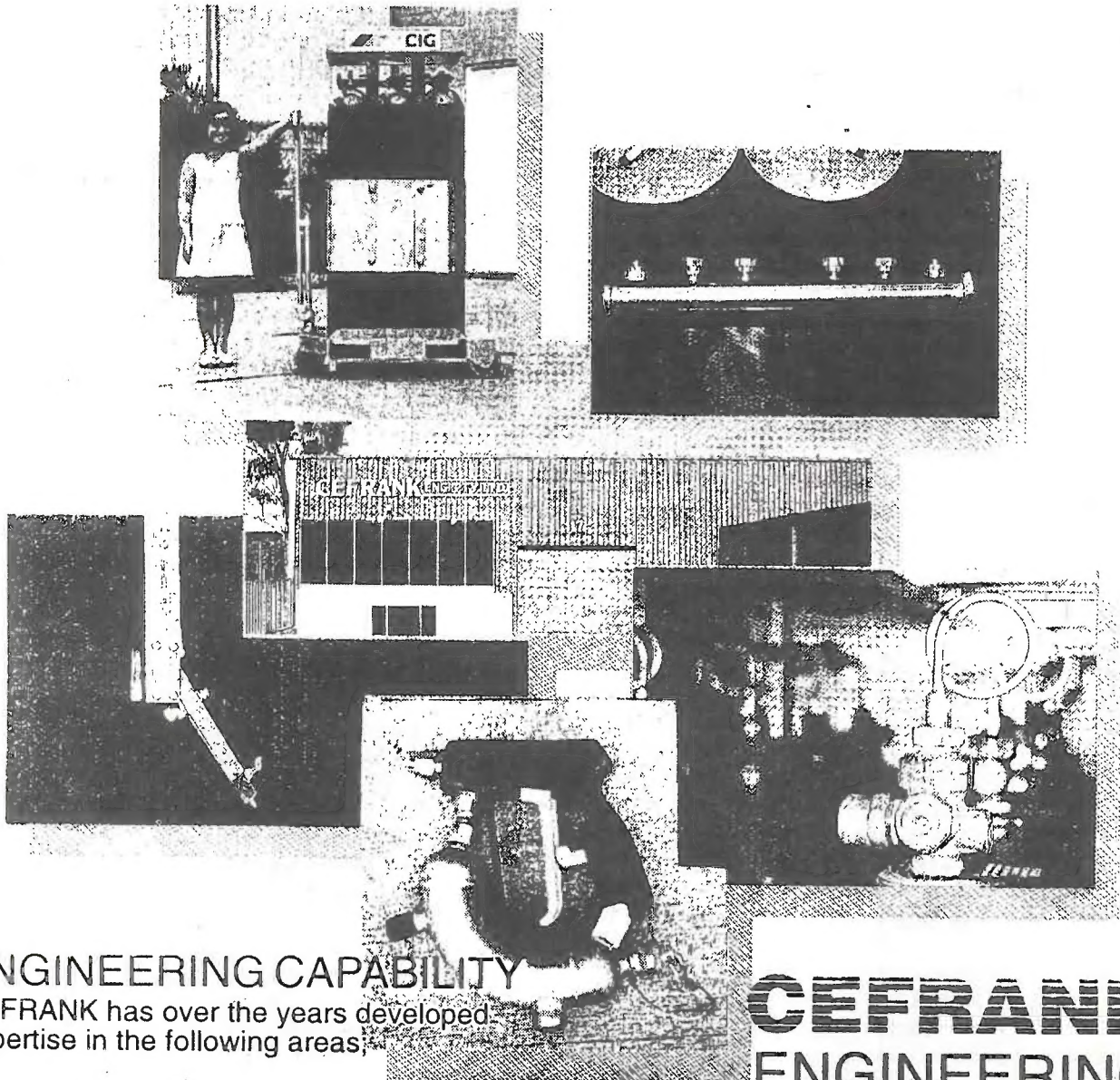
ROUND 25 (week-ending 13th April)

UTS Olympic v Marconi Fairfield
West Adelaide v Melbourne Knights
Perth Glory v South Melbourne
Canberra Cosmos v Wollongong City
Collingwood Warriors v Brisbane Strikers
Sydney United v Newcastle Breakers
Morwell Falcons v Adelaide City

ROUND 26 (week-ending 20th April)

Adelaide City v Sydney United
Brisbane Strikers v Morwell Falcons
Wollongong City v Collingwood Warriors
South Melbourne v Canberra Cosmos
Melbourne Knights v Perth Glory
Marconi Fairfield v West Adelaide
Newcastle Breakers v UTS Olympic

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